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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Mikhail E. GHALI)
Serial No.: 09/835,535) Conf. No.: 5410
Filed: April 16, 2001) Group Art Unit: 2655
For: DETERMINING A COMPACT) Examiner: Jackson, Jakieda R.
MODEL TO TRANSCRIBE THE)
ARABIC LANGUAGE)
ACOUSTICALLY IN A WELL-)
DEFINED BASIC PHONETIC)
STUDY)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


Sir:

The Notice of Allowance dated December 22, 2005 is appreciated. Upon review of the Notice of Allowability, it has been observed that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance at page 2 deviates from the language recited in independent claims 1, 12, and 19. The Examiner's statement includes the language "to provide a minimize set of phonemes which helps reduce memory consumption and fast execution of word editing" which is not recited in these claims. It is submitted that the Examiner's deviations from the language recited in claims 1, 12, and 19 should not be a basis for limiting the claims beyond their literal scope and equivalents thereof. Moreover, it should be understood that claims 1, 12, and 19 were amended on December 5, 2005 to expedite prosecution and gain allowance of the application. The Applicant does not concede to the Examiner's characterization of Bordeaux (US 5,757,023), Shu (US6,016,470) and Karaali (US 5,930,754) in the statement of reasons for allowance or elsewhere in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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